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Re: Late Fee assessment for 11-03-2020  
30-P Campaign Finance Disclosures Report filed 9 days late

Dear Ms. Horn:

Please consider this letter my official dispute to the above-referenced assessment. It is my inattention to appeal directly to the Board of Ethics. I hope that the following explanation will convince the Board Members that I had good cause for not officially filing my report as required by the applicable statute.

This dispute involves my filing of Form 30-P (30 days prior to the primary held on Nov. 3, 2020.) According to the Schedule of Reporting and Filing Dates, that report was due no later than October 5, 2020. As your letter dated October 6, 2020, reflects, I had faxed a completed copy of the 30-P Report to your offices at the fax number found on your letterhead on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Your letter of October 6<sup>th</sup>, also informed that filing via facsimile was insufficient and that my 30-P Report would not be considered "filed" until it was filed "electronically." Of course, that letter was sent via "snail mail," and I did not receive it for quite a few days due to the problems with our Postal Service and "voting by mail" ballots.

I received a second letter from your offices, (this one was via certified mail) which was dated October 8, 2020. In that letter I was informed that my 30-P Report had still not been received. I really don't know when that letter was signed for because the U.S. Postal Service leaves all certified mail for our 5-story office building in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor mail boxes without anyone ever signing the green cards (as far as I know.)

I can truthfully say that at that point in the campaign and with all that was transpiring in my law practice, I don't know when I actually became aware of the delinquency in my filing the 30-P Report. I do know that on October 14, 2020, with the assistance of one of the most helpful and respectful women I have ever had the pleasure of talking with by telephone when I had a really big problem, I did electronically file my 30-P Report.

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Your review of the electronically filed report and my faxed report will reflect I had no reason to delay or hide any of the data requested on the 30-P report. There was no intent to obfuscate any of the information you folks may have felt the need to know on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The total of my campaign filings will give you a picture of a campaign that was run not from a personal motive, but from a civic obligation. I believed the community deserved to know the major deficiencies in the office of the Caddo Parish District Attorney. They deserved to have a choice when they voted for such an important position. I committed to use \$10,000.00 of my own money and the meager \$2,500.00 I received as donations from supporters, to help get my message out. At the end of the day on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, I received over 32,000 votes constituting 36% of the total votes cast in the DA's race.

During the course of the race, I was forced to contend with an opponent whose minions removed and/or destroyed many of my few yard signs. They then replaced them with signs for the incumbent as well as for another judicial candidate who was caught doing the same thing to her opponent. No idea why incumbents with multiple decades in their jobs would feel the need to take this kind of approach against "virtual nobodies."

Even more disturbing to me was the fact anonymous telephone calls were received by several of my supporters who were local businessmen who permitted me to put up signs on their premises. I replaced the signs once. It was then that these stalwart businessmen received calls advising them they were in "Stewart Country" and it was in their best interest not to let any opponent place her signs on their property. My signs were no longer welcome on their property. (Can you believe one of those gentleman is a 38-year old retired Navy Seal?!) To me this goes to show I am spot on when it comes to the evil cabal that is trying to maintain control of this community.

But it didn't stop there. I was to feel the wrath of the Bossier Parish District Attorney who was one of the top supporters of my opponent, DA James Stewart. The Bossier DA filed a motion to compel me to appear in the 26 JDC and defend myself against a charge of contempt of court. It seems my assertions in pleadings filed in a recent murder case he had handled left him feeling disrespected and maligned. Obstruction of justice and threatening a witness were the thrust of my assertions.. The Bossier DA convinced the district court judge I could have used nicer words to get my thoughts across in my pleadings. He never did deny the truth of the assertions. When I refused to recant what I had stated, I was found guilty of contempt of court and was given the choice of paying a \$100.00 fine or serving 24 hours in Bossier Max. I advised the court that I had a campaign to fund and was not going to pay the \$100 fine, so he better direct the bailiff to take me off to jail - which he did.

Unsatisfied with that rebuke, the Bossier DA combined efforts with local attorney and the incumbent's long time supporter, attorney Ron Miciotto and his cohort, New Orleans attorney Scott Sternberg to jump on his bandwagon. The three of them have each filed individual complaints against me with the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. It seems in their opinions, I am "an infamous criminal defense attorney" who is "dangerous to the public and the profession" and "in need of discipline" for my many transgressions.

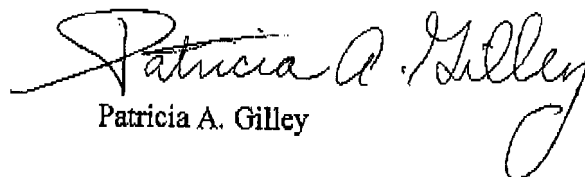
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I have attached a copy of the front page of a local tabloid following my incarceration lest you doubt anything so outlandish actually took place.

And so I reach the end of my saga. By the requirements of the applicable statute, I was untimely in filing the 30-P Report. But I ask you - What harm or deception was caused by my untimely filing? It was not a case of thumbing my nose at you or the system. I was one lone voice out in the toxic environs of Caddo Parish Louisiana. All I wanted to do was give the residents of this parish a choice when they voted for their next district attorney. As a woman soon to celebrate her 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday and campaigning during a raging pandemic, it was hard enough to make as many "zoom" meetings as possible and to reach out my hand to as many residents with one of my push cards as possible as I walked neighborhoods. Is it really necessary to also make me pay for untimely filing of relatively inconsequential reports?

Please grant me a waiver of the \$1,000.00 that I am currently charged with owing the State of Louisiana.

Respectfully,

  
Patricia A. Gilley

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Subject: Candidate's request for waiver  
of late fee assessment

### COMMENTS:

Please find attached my request for a waiver of the late fee.

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